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A Home of Our Own — We Did It!

Building Campaign 'Tops the Mark' with Successful Rolls Royce Raffle

Look for a new sign and a mezuzah to be going up soon on the building at 201 Caselli Avenue. On October 7, the announcements after Friday night services included the exciting news that we had exceeded our cash goal of \$200,000. Irene Ogus and Ron Lezell, Co-Chairs of the Building Campaign Fundraising Committee, further reported that we were well on our way to the overall goal of \$240,000. With that statement, the assembled congregation filled the sanctuary with a rousing round of applause. At presstime, we had raised approximately \$210,000 in cash and have pledge commitments for an additional \$20,000 due no later than September, 1984. This leaves a final \$10,000 which must be raised in order to buy out the mortgage.

Mark your calendars to attend:
**SHA'AR ZAHAV'S
 SEMI-ANNUAL
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
Sunday, November 20
2:00 p.m.
201 Caselli Avenue

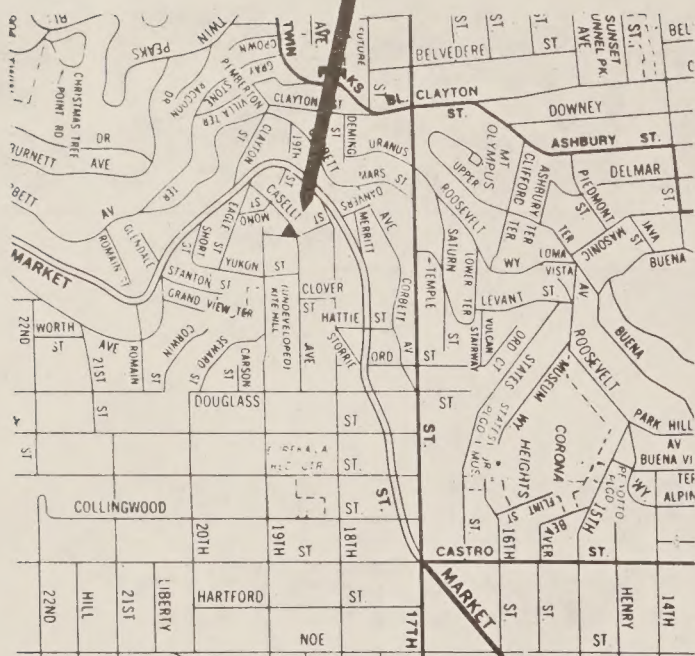
On the following Sunday, October 9, over 100 members and friends of the Congregation gathered at our new home for the exciting conclusion to our very successful raffle. The sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win a Rolls Royce (donated anonymously to our Building Campaign) had raised \$72,800 toward our goal. In all, 1,456 of the 1,500 tickets printed were sold — to our members, families and friends, and finally to passers-by on Castro and 18th Street on two Saturdays in September when we had the Rolls parked in front of Hibernia Bank.

The drawing festivities were kicked off by the Hallel Brothers (Jon Funk, Eric Keitel and Harvey Bartnof), who sang for this joyous occasion. The honor of drawing the winning ticket went to one of our Congregation's founders and past leaders, Daniel Chesir. As tension in the crowd mounted, the winning ticket was drawn from the drum. Daniel then drew the tension out even further as he began the announcement by reading the winner's zip code (which was in Oakland!).

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OUR NEW HOME!

201 Caselli Avenue



Nearest Muni:

#33 Ashbury at 18th & Danvers

(The #33 Ashbury operates on a 20-minute headway)

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A Home of Our Own (continued from page 1)

The winning ticket for the Rolls Royce had been sold by member Rob Tat to a friend and neighbor. Rob accepted on behalf of his friend and suggested that the Rolls be driven to Union Square, where the winner was about to exit from a performance of *Torch Song Trilogy*. Reports of the winner's excitement soon reached those who were still at the Synagogue.

The Building Steering Committee expects that we will take formal title to our new home before the end of October. In preparation for that time, the Va'ad has been busy planning conversion of the building and restructuring committees to deal with new issues of managing a piece of property.

As soon as possible, a formal dedication for our new home will be held. This will most likely take place after January 1. Between now and then, various committees will be working on such esoteric topics as space utilization, maintenance and refurbishing.

As Chair of the Building Steering Committee, I have seen our Congregation respond to a challenge that at times seemed overwhelming. Finding a suitable property, evaluating it, negotiating acceptable terms, gaining Congregational approval and raising the funds has been completed in a period of less than 10 months. A very wonderful group of people have gone to extraordinary efforts to achieve this goal.

Teams of members have coordinated and executed a successful fundraising campaign, on a weekly basis converted a church into a synagogue for our services and then returned it to a church, publicized our activities and accomplishments, kept careful records of our financial progress and bank accounts. To each one of you, I must express my most profound thanks. We all have reason to be proud of both our Congregation and our accomplishments.

Finally, a thank you to our members who have supported this project in so many ways, and to friends of the Congregation whose generosity, letters and support contributed to this success. Meanwhile, watch for that new sign and mezuzah.

— Don Albert, Chair
Building Steering Committee

Do You Know...

Why you need title insurance when you buy your home?

Your Attorney Can Help You Understand.

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45 Franklin St., San Francisco 94102, 621-2966

Congregational Meeting

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, November 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Synagogue, 201 Caselli Avenue.

In addition to the President's and the Treasurer's Reports, there will be reports from selected committees on achievements in the past six months and plans for the upcoming months — in particular, a final Building Committee report and an update from the Rabbi Search Committee. Items for discussion will focus on issues regarding the building (now that it's ours!) and the development of future programs for our Congregation.

It won't be a long meeting, but it will be an important one. Please make every effort to be there. Sha'ar Zahav belongs to all of us, and there is no better way to make your opinions known than to speak up at a Congregational Meeting.

The meeting will be followed by snacks and informal schmoozing, as is our venerable custom.

It's Latke Time!

CHANUKAH WILL BE CELEBRATED by Sha'ar Zahav this year on Friday evening, December 2 beginning with services at 8:15. To ensure that we have plenty of room for all who may want to join in our celebration, we have reserved our historic holiday space at the S.F. Jewish Community Center (California Street and Presidio Avenue) for that evening.

Following services, there will be a party "to end all parties" featuring luscious latkes, dreidel tables, fabulous folk dancing, the harmonious Hallel Brothers, a display and sale of Jewish-themed silkscreen products (no longer just t-shirts), and more! So come with an appetite, your dancing shoes and money to spend, and bring a friend... bring a lover... bring your mother!

Thanksgiving Memorial Service

The Fifth Anniversary Moscone/Milk Thanksgiving Memorial Service will be held at Grace Cathedral (California and Taylor Streets) on Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. This service marks the anniversary of the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. Episcopal Bishop William E. Swing will host this ecumenical event which will encompass Moscone's Roman Catholic heritage and Milk's Jewish heritage. Sha'ar Zahav's Ritual Chair, Leslie Bergson, will participate in the service as Cantor.

The evening's program will feature Faure's *Requiem*, sung by Robin Kay's Pacific Lesbian and Gay Singers. Additional musical offerings will be provided by the Interfaith Choir of San Francisco and the Dick Kramer Gay Men's Chorale.

Mike's Column

A Little Quiet Pride

"WE DID IT!" SAID 'ENRY 'IGGINS. "They doubted we could do it, but indeed we did!" In fact (forgive me, Irene), we almost *overdid* it. We needed \$200,000 by October, and we raised \$210,000. That leaves \$30,000 to be paid by 1986 — and two-thirds of that is already pledged. What a cause for celebrating and back-patting, for self-congratulations and thank-yous.

But you know, after the celebrating is over, we're going to be left with something far more valuable. We will have a quiet pride in the way we conducted ourselves these past five months.

It could have been otherwise. We could have decided that raising \$200,000 was our whole *raison d'être* for those five months. We could have become insensitive, mercenary, self-aggrandizing. Instead, look what did happen.

- A key to our successful campaign was our Rolls Raffle — but the donor, in the best Jewish tradition, insisted on remaining anonymous. And our anonymous donor made *no* demands on the Synagogue in exchange for the gift — none.

- We were concerned just before High Holy Days that we might fall short. It was tempting to offer raffle tickets at those well-attended services. No one even suggested it. We all knew the meaning and beauty of the services took precedence over raising money, even for a synagogue. At the break-the-fast, it seemed appropriate to offer them, and we did. But even then, it was soft sell.

- During all of this time, we have shown the greatest sensitivity to the Latter Day Saints congregation whose church 201 Caselli has been these past 75 years. And we will continue to do so, knowing their church means as much to them as our synagogue does to us. God's house *should* be a house of prayer for all people. We intend to make sure it is.

- In the past five months, we have had some of our most beautiful services. We have learned together and worked together. We've taken care of those among us who were in distress. We've continued to be the caring community a synagogue should be.

Sure I'm proud of what we've done and who we are! Not smug. Not arrogant. Just proud. Friends and neighbors, we have every right to be.

Shalom,

— Mike

Berkeley Hillel

Berkeley Hillel will sponsor a 'Mini Conference on Jews, Judaism and Psychology' on Sunday, November 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The topic will be Jewish identity as shaped by the Holocaust and the formation of Israel. For registration information, call Berkeley Hillel at 845-7793.

Social Program Committee

Planning Session for Winter

THE SOCIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE will be meeting on Monday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Synagogue. We will be discussing ideas and plans for the upcoming months. Everyone is welcome. This committee is a great way to become involved and have some fun along the way. For further information, or if you'd like to be involved, but can't make this meeting, please call Mark Mendelow at 854-2276.

Women's Chavurah

Dinner/Movie Showing

ON NOVEMBER 20, we will enjoy another wonderful evening in the company of our sisters. We will share the pleasure of a pot luck dinner and the showing of the hilarious Mel Brooks film, *The Producers*. The main feature will be preceded by a vintage Movietone Newsreel.

For this lovely event, we will be sharing in the hospitality of Helen Rosen and Talia Shafir, in their home in San Francisco. All women who receive *The Forward* will receive a flyer giving all the particulars. We are hoping to see many of you there!

Please join our
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Friday, December 2
8:15 p.m.

S.F. Jewish Community Center
(California St. and Presidio Ave.)

New Members Social

ALL NEW MEMBERS OF SHA'AR ZAHAV will be receiving an invitation to attend a New Members Social on Sunday afternoon, November 13. This annual event allows new members to hear informal presentations from the officers and committee chairs of the Congregation, describing the many activities available to members. These discussions are designed to enable new members to understand the Congregation's structure and what each committee deals with. With this knowledge and the chance to ask lots of questions, it is hoped that many members may be inspired to 'try-out' committees that sound interesting to them. We hope to see all new members at 'your party'.

Rabbi Search Committee

Membership Input Invited

MEMBERS OF SHA'AR ZAHAV will be receiving invitations to informal gatherings held by the Rabbi Search Committee. We are hoping that these get-togethers will encourage all interested members to share their views with us. In addition to in-person participation, written responses will be welcome. The dates for these gatherings are Sunday, December 11, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 15, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Any member who has not received an invitation by November 15, please call the office and leave a message for either of the Committee Co-Chairs, Aaron Cooper or Leila Raim.

Va'ad Report

OCTOBER 10: The major focus of the October Va'ad meeting was the building, and planning for the transition towards making it truly a 'home of our own.' The formal dedication service will take place after the first of the year; this will allow us to refurbish and 'spruce up the place' prior to an actual dedication service. As most of you know, we have reached our goal of \$200,000. As of the Va'ad meeting, the building fund account showed a balance of \$210,000. All of us deserve congratulations for a job well done.

Planning for Chanukah is underway, with our Annual Latke Party and Chanukah service scheduled for Friday evening, December 2 at the Jewish Community Center. Mark Mendelow and the Social Program Committee are coordinating the event. Hope to see everyone there!

The membership committee presented 21 new names for induction into our membership. This brings our total membership to 236! Mazel tov to all of our new members. We're very happy that you have joined us. To all those who haven't yet joined, please do so.

Final arrangements were made for the Advance, a weekend planning meeting for the Va'ad and committee chairs of the Congregation, to be held October 28-30. The next issue of the *Forward* will describe the events that took place there.

The semi-annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 20 at 201 Caselli Avenue. All are invited, although only members in good standing (current on their dues payments) will be allowed to vote. See you all there.

Our committees are in need of people to pitch in and help carry on the responsibilities that make our congregation go. If you are interested in serving on any of our committees, please call the synagogue office at 921-7612 and speak with Susan. She will direct you to the appropriate committee chair. Through involvement with committees, your sense of belonging to our synagogue family will surely grow!

The next Va'ad meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 1983 at 6:30 p.m. at 201 Caselli. All are welcome.

— Eric Keitel, Recorder

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		ב'ה 1	ג' 2	ד' 3	ה' 4	ו' 5
ז' 6 Rosh Hodesh A	ח' 7 Rosh Hodesh B Social Program Committee	ט' 8	י' 9	יא' 10 Newsletter Deadline	יב' 11	יג' 12
יד' 13 New Members Social	טו' 14 Va'ad Meeting	טז' 15	יז' 16	יח' 17	יט' 18	כ' 19
כ"א' 20 Congregational Meeting Women's Chavurah	כ"ב' 21	כ"ג' 22	כ"ד' 23	כ"ה' 24	כ"ו' 25	כ"ז' 26 Thanksgiving Memorial Service
כ"ח' 27	כ"ט' 28 Finance Committee	ל' 29 East Bay Lunch Group 921-7846	מג' 30 First Candle of Chanukah	מ"א' 1 Second Candle December	מ"ב' 2 Third Candle Chanukah Celebration	מ"ג' 3 Fourth Candle

Ritual Calendar

Friday,
November 4 **Torah:** Toldot, Gen. 25:19-29:9
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42
Leslie Bergson and Marc Lipshutz,
Services

Friday,
November 11 **Torah:** Va-Yetze, Gen. 28:10-32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10
Torah Service
Steve Greenberg, Services

Friday,
November 18 **Torah:** Va-Yishlach, Gen. 32:4-36:43
Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12
Daniel Chesir and Terry Rothchild,
Services

Friday,
November 25 **Torah:** Va-Yeshev, Gen. 37:1-40:23
Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8
Garry Koeningsberg, Services

Gay?

Jewish?

Not a member of Sha'ar Zahav?

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SCHANDE!**

To receive a membership application, simply request one by phoning the Sha'ar Zahav office at 921-7612, write to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco, CA 94101, or pick one up at services, every Friday night at 8:15 at our new home, 201 Caselli Avenue (corner of Danvers).

Regular Friday night services are held at 8:15 at our new home, 201 Caselli Avenue (corner of Danvers), San Francisco.

Please note that on the third evening of Chanukah (December 2), our Friday night services will be held instead at the S.F. Jewish Community Center as part of our Chanukah Celebration.

November Birthdays!

2	Joe Zygielbaum	16	Mark Resnick
3	Daniel Sonnenfeld	18	Benzion Jernigan
7	Steve Greenberg	21	Dubi Barcan
9	Art Reichstadt	26	Allan Blumenfeld
9	Neil Sechan	27	Julie Walter
13	Keith Ribnick	29	Hal P.

To Sponsor an Oneg

Special occasions are time of joy, of celebration, of remembrance. Say "Happy Birthday" to friends or a loved one, remember a yahrzeit, or offer a "Mazel Tov" by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. Each week's social hour following services can be a gift to the Congregation which signals *your* special occasion.

For \$30 (or a portion thereof), you can subsidize the costs of an Oneg, or you can arrange for and set out your own special treats. We'll help you plan the menu and the quantities. For information and to reserve your Oneg date, call Susan at the Synagogue office, 921-7612.

Jewish Singles Conference

A full day conference for Jewish singles of the Bay Area will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Congregation Sherith Israel in San Francisco. The conference is sponsored by the Marin and S.F. Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Family and Children's Service and Congregation Rodef Shalom, San Rafael, with the support of many synagogues (including Sha'ar Zahav), organizations and singles groups in area.

Workshop topics will include Exploring Your Jewish Identity; Male/Female Roles; Juggling Love, Work and Knowing What's Really Important; The Single Person in Judaism; Sex and the Single Parent; and Making Holiday Connections: Networking for Life.

The organizers of this conference expressed a hope that members of our Congregation would enjoy many of the workshops and also lend an added perspective to them.

In addition to workshops, the program includes social time over coffee, lunch and a wine and cheese reception. For registration information, contact the Marin J.C.C. at 479-2000.

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November Yahrzeits

- 1 Mayer Baran, Grandfather of Naomi Baran
- 4 (28 Heshvan) Yakov Ben David Leizerovich, Grandfather of Dubi Barcan
- 4 (28 Heshvan) Harry Marcus, Father of Ben Marcus
- 6 Irene Sherwin, Grandmother of Rob Tat
- 7 Anna Gold, Grandmother of Allan Gold
- 17 (11 Kislev) Frank Chesir (Ephraim Ben Yosef Ha-Cohen), Father of Daniel Chesir
- 17 (11 Kislev) Louis Resnick, Grandfather of Mark Resnick
- 20 Samuel Cronenwalt, Grandfather of Steve Cronenwalt
- 22 Alice E., Mother of Mary E.
- 23 Nathan Thal, Brother of Sam Thal
- 24 Esther Kalis, Mother of Betty Kalis
- 25 Fred W., Grandfather of Wendy W.
- 27 (21 Kislev) Samuel Bornstein, Father of Mickey Bornstein
- 27 (21 Kislev) Sara Wouk, Grandmother of Nina Wouk



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